

**Greater Nashua Continuum of Care
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2008
Nashua City Hall Auditorium
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Call to order: 8:02 a.m. by Chair Wendy Furnari

All present introduced themselves and visitors welcomed.

Minutes of July 2, 2008 (handout): L. Wilshire motioned to accept the minutes. C. Rosenwald seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Executive:** W. Furnari mentioned that this committee has been working on the SuperNOFA and also voted to amend the current guidelines which allowed anyone to vote on the ranking of the SuperNOFA. The change would not allow the funded agencies to vote. L. Wilshire questioned what prompted this change. P. Kelleher indicated that this issue had been discussed for a long time and over the years HUD changed the wording of the SuperNOFA to indicate they would like to see Continuums move in this direction. .

- **Ending Homelessness:** B. Mack announced that the next EH meeting will be immediately following this meeting. The committee is looking at the action steps of the 10 year plan. The Ending Homelessness Committee is working closely with the Wrap around Services committee on the early warning system which will be an e-mail loop to reach out to agencies for assistance. Individuals in the community who witness incidents of homelessness can call the Homeless Hotline at 1-800-852-3388 or send an e-mail to homeless@nashuacoc.org. B. Mack also discussed Project Homeless Connect which will be held on December 3, 2008 at 45 High Street. The next planning meeting will be held on 9/10/08. J. Kollis asked if there had been any conversations regarding heated centers for those who cannot afford heating costs in the winter. L. Goodman suggested calling Congressman Hodes' office to coordinate efforts. M. Read indicated that some people don't want to leave their homes to go to a cold weather center. She suggested educating individuals on heating. Kathy P. agreed that the elderly will not leave their home in the cold weather and she asked if there was any way to make arrangements with the transportation department to bring individuals to a mall, senior center or library to stay warm. L. Wilshire mentioned that the cost of heating has gone up so much this year that people may consider leaving their homes. P. Kelleher mentioned programs through Southern New Hampshire services and Citizens Bank may want to participate. M. Haughey indicated that the Office of Energy and Planning provides a tip and fact sheet. L. Wilshire asked if that information could be sent in an e-mail.

- **Community Relations:** P. Murphy announced that the next meeting will be held on September 9, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Harbor Homes, 45 High Street. She indicated that this group reaches out to other community groups and the meetings are open to anyone interested.
- **Legislative:** J. Schulze indicated that this committee has not met and she shared a list of ideas for upcoming bills. L. Goodman suggested having the Legislature attend the December 3rd Project Homeless Connect event.
- **Data Gathering:** L. Jeynes said this committee is working on the 10 Year Plan and trying to make it easier to understand. The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- **HMIS/PIT:** L. Newell indicated that they have been working on data for the SuperNOFA.
- **SuperNOFA:** P. Kelleher thanked everyone for their participation in the NOFA. He mentioned that this is the first year that it has been submitted electronically and everyone has been making the best of it. P. Kelleher explained that exhibit 1 is owned by all of the agencies and it captures any information regarding homelessness.

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MCOC: L. Newell indicated Manchester is working on the SuperNOFA.

BOSCOC: No meeting held.

ICH: P. Kelleher explained that this committee is the Inter Agency Council on Homelessness and there will be a meeting next week.

Announcements:

L. Wilshire announced that M. Read will be leaving the Nashua Red Cross at the end of September after being here 20 + years. L. Wilshire indicated that Martha will be truly missed. She is a great asset and a great friend.

L. Wilshire asked about nominations for the Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk of the Nashua Continuum of Care. W. Furnari indicated that a slate of Officers will be prepared at the next Executive Committee meeting and brought to the full Continuum in October to vote. She said that anyone interested in holding an office should contact her or any other Executive Committee member before September 10, 2008.

P. Kelleher mentioned the organization of Divided We Fail which will convene people around healthcare. A meeting will be held on September 23, 2008 at 45 High St. from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

B. Angus announced Senior Fest will be held on September 19, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. He explained that the Senior Fest is an elderly and nursing facilities outreach group. M. Durso asked who is a contact person. B. Angus suggested calling the Greek Orthodox Church on West Hollis Street because that is where the event will be held. M. Durso also suggested having someone there to discuss fuel assistance.

J. Leclerc mentioned that he has additional homeless outreach cards if anyone is in need of them.

J. Koliss. mentioned the financial literacy group will be held at City Welfare on September 9, 2008 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

W. Furnari reminded everyone of the Comedy Night to benefit Marguerite's Place on September 26, 2008.

She also mentioned the AIDS Walk on Saturday September 20, 2008.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Berube, Keystone Hall